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Gentlemen:

I am writing regarding Docket Numbers 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197.

The FDA should ban the practice of forced molting which is nothing more than the starvation of hens. Starvation leads to more shedding of Salmonella enteritidis by these hens and is the major cause of diseases in hens, eggs and the consumers who eat these eggs. The FDA has the jurisdiction to ban farm practices which injure human health. Forced molting injures the health of the hens and, in the long run, the health of the consumer.

Sincerely,



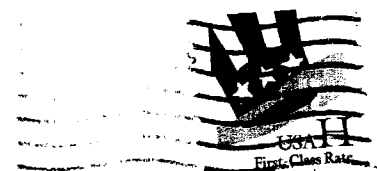
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